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Infrastructure work continues at depot

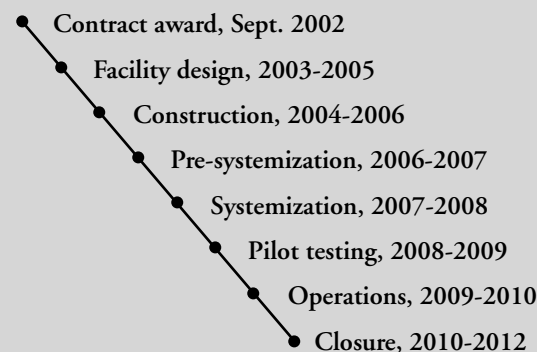
Efforts to prepare the site where Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant is to be located are on schedule at Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The infrastructure work includes upgrading roads to the work site, installing communication lines, and bringing in utilities such as gas, electricity, water and sewer.

Area contractors are doing much of the work on the project. Familiar names like Kirkland Construction, Main Electric and Aquila, Inc. are seen working at the footprint site.

Construction of the chem-demil facility is on schedule to begin in early 2004.

Current schedule for Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant*



**Schedule details will be established in conjunction with the systems contractor.*



Construction at Pueblo Chemical Depot moves forward. The water supply system pump house and water storage tank will supply domestic and firefighting water for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.

Photo by Lori Waters, PCD

New commander leads Pueblo Chemical Depot



Lt. Col. John A. Becker, PCD's new commander.

In February, Lt. Col. John A. Becker assumed command of Pueblo Chemical Depot from Lt. Col. Hans Kruse, acting commander. Kruse, who stepped into the breach until Becker could assume command, returns to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Becker comes to Pueblo from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he was the principal chemical officer for the Special Operations, Plans and Policy Directorate of the U.S.

Special Operations Command, in support of special operations forces worldwide.

“Assuming command of Pueblo Chemical Depot at this time is very exciting for me personally and professionally,” said Becker. “Professionally speaking, command responsibility is a test in all aspects of leadership.”

Becker added that he looks forward to his new assignment at Pueblo with great satisfaction. “Seeing the chemical disposal process moving forward after 50 plus years of safe, secure storage of the stockpile will be a rewarding experience for the two years of my command,” he said.

Becker entered the Army through the ROTC program at Western Illinois University in 1984,

Chemical depot construction brings jobs to Pueblo

Local job seekers and business owners who are interested in employment and subcontracting opportunities related to the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant are encouraged to contact the local representatives listed below.

Individuals and companies who have already submitted resumes and/or corporate information do not need to send it again. The Bechtel Pueblo Team is organizing that information and will provide more details on the hiring and subcontracting process in the near future.

Federal employment opportunities at Pueblo Chemical Depot

For job openings at Pueblo Chemical Depot, contact Patricia Marrero at (719) 549-4248 or go to www.cpol.army.mil. Once on the site, click on: links, regional homepages, west, employment information, Delegated Examining Unit (DEU) job announcements, and either Utah or Colorado.

Only veterans, current federal employees and reinstatement-eligible personnel may apply using the resume builder or the resumix kit. Submit a resume by following instructions on the website for resumix, listed under employment. All others may submit an application or resume under the vacancy announcements posted under employment.

Depot vacancy announcements are available through Beverly Miller at the Pueblo Work Link, 201 Lamkin St., Pueblo, CO 81003; or phone (719) 253-7834.

Employment contact opportunities with other groups, such as the Army Corps of Engineers, are provided in the Reach winter 2003 newsletter. For a copy or for more information, call the outreach office at (719) 546-0400.

PROJECTED ECONOMIC IMPACT

- \$1.5 billion facility
- \$80 million per year spent in Pueblo area, over 10 to 12 years
- Bechtel Pueblo Team has committed to achieve 80 to 85 percent local hire (hiring will begin in early 2004)
- Bechtel Pueblo Team will be teaming with Pueblo Community College and Colorado State University, Pueblo, for job training and internships.

Total Economic Impact - \$2.5 billion

** Projected employment figures provided by Bechtel Pueblo Team*

Employment opportunities:

Hiring to begin in early 2004

Peak of construction – 900 to 1,100 workers* (2004-2006)

Peak of operations – 500 to 700 workers* (2009-2010)

Types of jobs that will be available through Bechtel Pueblo Team:

- ALL construction trades
- Administrative and clerical
- Engineering
- Accounting
- Safety
- Process operators
- Procurement
- Human resources
- Other sub-contracting positions and tasks

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please e-mail or mail your resume to:
Bechtel Pueblo Team
Pueblo Area Office
201 W. 8th St., Suite 475
Pueblo, CO 81003
Office Manager: Marilyn Halverson
E-mail: mahalver@bechtel.com

SUB-CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Bechtel sub-contracting information:
Michele A. Jacobus, supplier advocate
(415) 538-7062
E-mail: mjacobus@bechtel.com
Sub-contactors may register with Bechtel at www.ebechtel.com
Include NAICS Code, SDB Certification and HUB Zone Certification

Bechtel Pueblo team introduced at open house

Representatives from various government agencies who will be responsible for overseeing the chemical weapons destruction at Pueblo Chemical Depot held an open house on Jan. 23 at the Pueblo Convention Center, introducing the destruction facility contractor and attracting more than 750 local citizens.

Lt. Col. Hans Kruse, acting depot commander, introduced the Bechtel Pueblo Team as the systems contractor that will oversee the design, construction and operations of the destruction facility.

Mike Lewis, Bechtel's project manager, told the capacity crowd that the company plans to hire 80 to 85 percent of its workers from Pueblo and the surrounding area, but initial hiring won't take place for at least eight months. (See page 2 story for employment information.)

Team members from the Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment, sponsor of the open house, along with the Army Corps of Engineers, Colorado Citizens' Advisory Commission, Pueblo Chemical Depot, and the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office were on hand providing local job and sub-contracting information and answering questions relating to the chemical weapons destruction program at Pueblo Chemical Depot.



PCD's Doug Davis, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Coordinator, discusses the chemical munitions neutralization process with a local citizen during a January open house at the convention center.

Photo by Jenna Meyers, PCD Intern

The Bechtel Pueblo team is in the design phase, developing plans for the destruction facility. Corporate headquarters personnel in San Francisco will complete the design and planning phase before construction of the Pueblo facility, slated to begin in 2004.

AMC commander tours Pueblo Chemical Depot



Gen. Paul J. Kern (right) presents PCD SGT Noel DeLeon (left) and SPC Jose Guevara (center) with Army Materiel Command coins during his visit to the depot in January.

Photo by Jenna Meyers, PCD Intern

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, visited Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) for a three-hour whirlwind tour on Jan. 29,

receiving a report on the depot's chemical storage and disposal progress and an update on environmental cleanup issues facing the installation.

While on the installation, he talked with PCD command personnel and soldiers and also toured the chemical stockpile storage site.

DeDe Kern accompanied her husband, meeting with depot housing residents, soldiers, and citizens from the community. "I like to assist my husband when he travels to various installations around the country," she said. "I can give him the people perspective while he concentrates on the mission perspective."

At the conclusion of the short visit, Kern and his wife expressed their appreciation for the outstanding job that depot civilians and soldiers are doing at PCD, and their confidence that all connected with the installation will continue to look out for the interests of the nation and the surrounding community.

We want to hear from you ...

The Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office serves as a resource for information concerning the Army's plans for chemical weapons disposal in Pueblo. Together with the depot's Public Affairs Office, the outreach office coordinates a variety of events designed to keep the community informed and involved.

If you would like more information about the opportunities available through the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office, please call (719) 546-0400, or email donna_lepik@urscoleman.com

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with a bachelor's degree in business. He also holds a master's in human resources from National University, San Diego, Calif.

Previous assignments include experience as a United Nations Military Observer in Iraq and Kuwait; service as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense training coordinator for the Special Operations Command and the same position with the Navy's Pacific Fleet; brigade executive officer, Combat Support Brigade XVIII Airborne Corps; deputy corps chemical officer, XVIII Airborne Corps; and service as a chemical officer in the brigade and battalion levels. Initial assignments include company commander and platoon leader positions with light infantry and armored units.

In addition to the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Becker's military education

includes the EO Staff Officer Course, Joint Firepower Control Course, CAS3, Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Professional Military Education Phase II. Awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, United Nations Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the SW Asia Campaign Medal. In addition, Becker has earned the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist and Air Assault badges, and Canadian and Venezuelan parachutist badges.

For more information regarding the new commander, please contact Marilyn Thompson, public affairs officer, Pueblo Chemical Depot at (719) 549-4135.